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SUBJECT: ROKG STRUGGLING WITH ISSUES RELATED TO PAST OBSERVANCE
OF HALLSTEIN DOCTRINE

BEGIN SUMMARY: ANNOUNCED INTENTION OF NORDIC COUNTRIES
TO RECOGNIZE BOTH KOREAS IS REQUIRING ROKG TO REVIEW
HOW IT WILL DEAL WITH THE QUESTION OF REPRESENTATION IN
THESE AND OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH DO SO. END SUMMARY.

1. CONVERSATIONS WITH MOFA OFFICERS CONCERNED DISCLOSE
THAT MOFA IS CURRENTLY AGONIZING OVER QUESTION OF DIPLO-
MATIC REPRESENTATION IN AND FROM COUNTRIES WHICH RECOGNIZE
BOTH KOREAS. ANNOUNCED INTENTION OF NORDIC COUNTRIES TO
DO SO HAS THROWN THIS ISSUE UP AS ONE WHICH WILL REQUIRE
SOME DECISIONS BY ROKG IN NEAR FUTURE. MOFA EUROPEAN AND
AFRICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR, KIM HUNAG HUN, TOLD US
APRIL 6 THAT FOREIGN MINISTER RECEIVED RECOMMENDATIONS
(WHICH HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL) FROM HIS
STAFF IN LENGTHY MEETING APRIL 5. THUS FAR, HOWEVER,
FOREIGN MINISTER HAS NOT GIVEN ANY INDICATION OF HOW HE
AND BLUE HOUSE PROPOSE TO REACT.

2. PROBLEM ARISES IN DIFFERENT FORMS. IN COUNTRIES
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WHICH ALREADY RECOGNIZE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND ARE ONLY NOW MOVING TO RECOGNIZE NORTH (E. G. SWEDEN WHERE ROK HAD RESIDENT AMBASSADOR), ROKG MUST DECIDE WHETHER TO RETAIN, DOWNGRADE, OR WITHDRAW PRESENT REPRESENTATION. IN COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT RECOGNIZED EITHER BEFORE (E. G. FINLAND WHERE BOTH HAVE HAD TRADE OFFICES), SOUTH MUST DECIDE WHETHER TO ESTABLISH EMBASSY IF NORTH DOES SO. CONTRARY TO PARAS 1 AND 2, USUN 1228, KIM SAID ROKG HAS INFO THAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE ALREADY AGREED FOR NORTH TO OPEN EMBASSY IN HELSINKI.

3. KIM SAID THAT THERE IS FAIRLY GENERAL AGREEMENT WITHIN ROKG THAT ROK MUST FIRMLY REGISTER ITS DISSATISFACTION WITH SWEDEN'S DECISION TO RECOGNIZE NORTH. AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR HAS ALSO MADE THAT CLEAR TO US. FONMIN TOLD AMB APRIL 3 THAT HE WAS NOT CONSIDERING ANY DRASTIC ACTION WITH RESPECT TO SWEDISH MEMBERSHIP IN NNSC. AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR TOLD US APRIL 6, HOWEVER, ROKG CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF RESTRICTING TRAVEL OF SWEDISH MEMBER. WE HAVE INFORMALLY EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT THIS, EMPHASIZING ROKG SHOULD CONSULT WITH US BEFORE TAKING ANY STEP WHICH WOULD AFFECT PROVISIONS OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. MOFA OFFICERS CONCERNED HAVE TOLD US ROKG BELIEVES THAT STRONG DISSATISFACTION WITH SWEDEN MUST BE REGISTERED TO DISCOURAGE OTHER COUNTRIES FROM MOVING TOO FREELY TOWARD RECOGNITION OF BOTH KOREAS. AT THE MOMENT, ROKG PARTICULARLY HAS IN MIND FRANCE, WHICH THE ROKG UNDERSTANDS IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING RECOGNITION TO NORTH KOREA.

4. KIM VERIFIED THAT IN AFRICA ROKG IS MORE WILLING THAN IN EUROPE TO HAVE DUAL REPRESENTATION IN THE SAME CAPITAL. IT DOES NOT, FOR EXAMPLE, PROPOSE TO DISTURB THE SITUATION IN KAMPALA AND YAOUNDE WHERE BOTH KOREAS ARE REPRESENTED BY RESIDENT AMBASSADORS.

5. SEPARATELY, ASIAN BUREAU DIRECTOR CHI TOLD US THAT ROKG HAS GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND RESIDENT AMBASSADOR IN JAKARTA WHERE NORTH HAS EMBASSY. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH SENTIMENT IN ROKG IS MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION, AUTHORITIES CONCERNED AT HIGHER LEVELS ARE NOT YET PREPARED TO TAKE THE STEP FOR FEAR THAT IT WOULD IN ASIA ALSO STIMULATE OTHERS, E. G. CONFIDENTIAL

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MALAYSIA, TO RECOGNIZE AND HAVE RELATIONS WITH NORTH AS WELL AS

SOUTH.
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